Achievement of rural electrification targets

†2910. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States which are lagging behind the targets set under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana;

(b) whether electrification work in Uttarakhand is being carried out as per the target set under this programme; and

(c) if not, by when the electrification work would be completed in all the villages, small villages and *tokas* in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The progress of electrification of un-electrified villages under RGGVY during Tenth Plan period has been slow mainly in the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, NE States and J & K.

(b) Keeping in view, the field conditions including hilly terrains, thin spread of populated habitations and different logistics, the execution of electrification works under RGGVY in Uttarakhand, has not lagged behind. The figures amply demonstrate it.

(c) Out of 1469 un-electrified villages covered in the sanctioned projects of 13 districts, UPCL, the implementing agency has reported that electrification works have been completed in 1226 un-electrified villages besides intensive electrification of 5230 electrified villages of the State as on 31.03.2008. The works in the balance 243 villages are under execution and the same are expected to be completed by 2009.

Compensation for displaced families by NTPC in Sipat

†2911. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that compensation and employment to the families whose land has been acquired, is not being given by the NTPC in Sipat in Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, by when compensation and employment would be provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Land for Sipat Thermal Power Project was acquired by the State Government of the undivided Madhya Pradesh for NTPC according to the provisions of Land Acquisition Act. The first notification under Section 4 of the Act for the priority area was notified on 06.11.1998. Subsequent notifications for other areas followed. The Entire compensation for the acquired assets, as decided by the State Government, has been deposited with the State Government for further distribution of the same.

In addition to the entitled compensation, NTPC initiated activities for the Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R & R) of the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) in accordance with its company policy right since inception. A Socio Economic Survey (SES) was conducted by IIT Kanpur in 1998 for all the affected villages. Subsequent to the completion of SES, formulation of a comprehensive Rehabilitation Action Plan (RAP) was initiated in consultation with the State Government and the PAPs.

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